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On Sunday, the 10th inst. the hired transport Harpooner, Joseph Bryant, master, from Quebec bound to England, was totally lost at St. Shott's, near Cape Pine, (where H. M. ship Cornus was lately wrecked.)

The Harpooner sailed from Quebec on Sunday, the 27th Oct. having on board 385 men, women, and children, independent of the ship's company, principally the 4th Royal Velvet and Battalion, under the command of Capt. Prime and Lt. Mylrea, one of the oldest subalterns in his Majesty's service; he is 70 years of age, and was the last person who quitted the wreck having remained there 19 hours. She had also detachments of the following Regts: Royal Artillery, Artillery Drivers, 70th, 76th, 99th, 103d, De Wattville's and Glen-gary Fencibles, under the command of Capt. Willock, 108d regiment.

They had moderate weather down the River & Gulf; and at the time she went on shore, was going about 5 knots, supposing they had been much to the eastward; the fog for several days had prevented an observation being taken. She struck about 9 o'clock at night; when the master called all hands forward which brought her by the head, and occasioned her to swing round with her stern to the shore. The wind increased and blew a heavy gale; the masts were cut away and the large boats stove to pieces soon after she struck.—The stern boat having been lowered down, some of the crew succeeded in getting on shore but could not return through the great surf.—The vessel lay on her beam ends, and the sea made a passage over her.—At this time she took fire in the cabin, by the candle falling on some spirits, and the fire from the cabin stove; the water soon extinguished it. The people collected on deck clinging to the weather side and other parts of the ship, forming a solid mass.

After many fruitless attempts, they at last succeeded in getting a rope on shore from the stern, by tying it to a dog which happened to be on board, who swam with it to the shore about day-light; when the strongest made their way over the heads of the rest to take advantage of the only means left to save themselves, by this rope. Many perished on the deck; others were washed overboard, with parts of the wreck, when the ship went to pieces,

about 11 o'clock, A. M. most of whom were drowned. Her parting was noticed by those on shore, and signified by them with the most dreadful cry of "Go forward." It is difficult to paint the horror of the scene. Children clinging to their parents for help; parents themselves struggling with death, and stretching out their feeble arms to save their children dying within their grasp.

After getting on shore, they remained on the wrecks for the night, and next day found a house a mile distant, occupied by fishermen, who could afford them no other relief but fire and shelter, and that for a few.

The whole of their property and clothes, except what they happened to have on at the time, was totally lost, so that they remained till their arrival at Trepassey, in wet clothes, where every exertion was made by the inhabitants to render their situation comfortable.

Particulars of the fate of the Officers and their families

Fourth R. V. Battalion.—Capt. and Mrs. Prime, saved; three children lost. Lt. Mylrea, his eldest daughter, about 19 years and one son, Frederick, about 13 years of age, saved; Mrs. Mylrea, Miss Rose, about 17, and Sophia, about 7 years of age, lost; the eldest of the two latter was drowned in her father's arms. Paymaster Scott, saved. Surgeon Armstrong, Mrs. Armstrong, and three children, lost; Miss Armstrong, about 15, the only surviving one of this family, was saved by the exertion of Capt. Willock, who also saved Miss Mylrea, and many others. Lt. Wilson an old & gallant officer from the 3d or Old Buffs, with a son and daughter, and one child under his care, (of the Royal Artillery) lost. Mrs. Wilson and Miss Wilson saved.

103d Regiment.—Capt. Willock and Lt. Gleeson, saved: this last gentleman, who got on shore early, also deserves the highest praise for his exertions on this trying occasion, particularly in saving Lieut. Mylrea, who had thrown himself from part of the wreck on a rock, where the waves left him; Lieut. Gleeson got two sailors to throw a rope, which he put round himself, and was drawn up to a place of safety.

Total—Saved, 177—Lost, 208.

ARGUS SUMMARY.

The plague, or yellow fever, continues to rage at Point Petre, Guad. with extreme violence.

Repeated attempts have been made to set fire to the city of Philadelphia; but hitherto they have miscarried.

It is said that the National Bank will commence business early in January.

The Franklin, 74 guns, is taking in her men at Philadelphia. Her full complement is 1100.

The Marysville paper of Nov. 29, says, that 1000 emigrants passed through that town during the preceding ten days, most of them for Indiana and the Missouri Territory.

French Settlement—The Pittsburgh Mercury of Dec. 7, says: "About twenty members of the new French Colonial Society, who were seen here these few days past, embarked on Sunday morning last to explore a suitable tract of land for the culture of the sugar, the cotton, and the vine. Among them were a number of gentlemen of high rank and distinction, both civil and military; and it is with pleasure we announce that the greatest friendship and harmony existed among them."

It appears that the Portuguese army destined to invade Paraguay, were at the last dates still on the Portuguese Territory. A detachment had been sent forward towards Montevideo; but were met by the patriots under Gen. Artigas, defeated and driven back.

The Kingston, U. C. paper, of the 7th, states, that the schr. Mary, of Oswego, Capt. Trowbridge, on her way from Genesee to Ogdensburgh, with 600 bbls. of flour and pork, had run upon the *False Ducks*, and that it was probable vessel and cargo would be lost.

The Territory ceded by the Choctaws to the U. States, is stated in the Clarion to be 150 miles long by 65 broad.

Col. Andrew Pickins is elected Governor of South Carolina.

In England—the public distress has reached a serious crisis. Seditious handbills were clandestinely circulated in the metropolis, of which the following is a specimen:

"Britons, to Arms!—Break open all gun and sword shops, pawnbrokers, and other likely places to find arms—*No rise of Bread—No Castlereagh*—off with his head. No national debt; the whole country waits the signal from London to fly to arms.—Stand firm now or never. N. B. Printed bills, containing further directions will be circulated as soon as possible."

A notice had been published in some of the papers, convening a meeting of the distressed manufacturers, mariners, artisans and others, of London and its environs.

A memorial, intended to be submitted to this meeting, recommends, as a means of relief, that the lands and houses which by divers means had been taken from the people, should be restored to them. Grain had not undergone much alteration in price; and the ports had been opened for the importation of foreign wheat, flour, &c. free of duty. Parliament were to meet in January. A tremendous gale had been experienced on the English coast and much damage done to shipping, &c.

In France, the new chamber had met, and were found to be nearly two thirds ministerialists. The vote for secretaries was 89 to 61. The King, in his speech, says tranquility prevails throughout the empire; and that the crops, although late in coming in, are sufficient for the wants of France.

In Holland, the exportation of grain and potatoes has been prohibited, on account of threatened scarcity.

Mr. Pinckney had arrived at Rome, on his way from Naples to Russia. The London papers say he has concluded a treaty with Naples, advantageous to American trade, but give no particulars.

The King of Wirtemburgh is dead, and the Emperor of Germany is married to a princess of Bavaria.

The seraglio of the grand signior has been burnt—his wives, 52, barely escaped.

The Tunisians have made several captures off Zante.

Advices from St. Helena to Sept. 3d say, that Bonaparte had refused to receive any strangers.

The population of England is about fourteen millions—her electors amount to only 122,000!!

A meteor, consisting of a large mass of iron, fell in the streets of Dusseldorf on the 10th Oct. When cool it was very hard, but easily broken, and emitted a strong sulphurous smell.

DOMESTIC.

The Rochester Gazette says, that a cotton manufactory has just been completed in that village, which drives 1400 spindles. We are fearful that the proprietors will find, too late, that they have built upon a sandy foundation.—if they calculate upon legislative munificence or individual patriotism to sustain their fabric.

It has been proposed in the Virginia legislature, by Mr. Wirt, to repeal the laws against usury.

Seventy six young sharks are said to have been taken from the body of a female shark lately caught. Two feet of the tail of the old shark, being cut off and thrown overboard 50 minutes after it was caught, had life, and assumed its usual motion in the water.